

INTEMPERANCE AND LIQUOR LAWS.
Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee was sworn into office as mayor of Salem on Monday, and his address spoke plainly on the liquor question, saying that, though his life had not been temperate, he had never signed and would not sign a temperance pledge. Quoting from his address as mayor in 1850, he stated that eight years' observation had confirmed him in the opinion then expressed that temperance cannot be put down until it

is an essential change in public opinion, the best mode of preventing the sale of dead spirits in large cities. "We are not," he says, "infinitely deeper in this degradation than we were then." We quote a few sentences from Mr. Silsbee's address, to show the position occupied by a gentleman

"In my opinion, the evils of intemperance are increased ten fold by some of the provisions of this law, and one of its worst effects is the adulterating of the liquor sold, which in producing the harvest to be reaped by

terity of bodily and mental imbecility, fruit of seed sown in the use of such adulterated liquor, will far outweigh all the benefits yet experienced from its enforcement. Other, and a wide spread consequence of the law is the introduction of ardent spirit in various forms, into places where, under

I have not only studied this subject

I speak my own opinions, but I use the language of a reverend friend, whom I have known from his youth up as one temperate

Intemperance has not, like the gourd the prophet, sprung up in a night, and

cure will not be the work of a day. My feeling is that we should remove all inducements to skulk in corners for the purpose of gratifying an appetite made depraved by it; let in the broad light of day upon drinking places, by granting licences upon proper restrictions, until, in the place of

poisonous adulterations now used, shall be substituted the pure and light wines which I know, can be cheaply grown in many parts of our own country, of a quality equal to those of France, or Italy, or the far famed banks of the Rhine; and in the mean time to legalize and encourage the manufacture

A few words upon the enforcement of law regulating the sale of ardent spirits.

be witnesses, they must look for instruction to some other chief than myself. But labor will be performed, and any personal risk braved, if necessary, to decrease evils of intemperance, or enforce, in a lawful manner, the law against liquor selling.

Gentlemen, these opinions upon the

ject of temperance, I am well aware, are not only at variance with those of a large part of our community, but are such as may appear to them extravagant in their nature, and unjudicious to be expressed. I should never as a private citizen, have intruded them on the community but in the station which

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